

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A display panel comprising:
a first substrate (~~2; 102~~)₁ and
a second substrate (~~3; 103~~) being separated from each other by spacers (4;
104) and sealing between them a space (~~7~~), at least one of the spacers (~~4; 104~~) being
penetrated by a hole extending therethrough and through both of the substrates (~~2, 3; 102, 103~~)
to form a through hole (~~5; 105; 205; 215~~) through the display panel (~~1; 100; 200~~)
said through holes being opened at each end to allow passage through said through hole,
said at least one of the spacers (~~4; 104~~) and the substrates (~~2, 3; 102, 103~~) forming the
wall (~~6; 106~~) of said through hole (~~5; 105~~) and sealing the space (~~7~~) from the through
hole (~~5; 105~~).
2. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which
each spacer (~~4~~) having a through hole (5) is located outside [[the]] a pixel areas (~~11~~) of
the display panel (~~1~~).
3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which a
plurality of through holes (~~5; 205~~), each extending through a respective one of the spacers
(~~4~~) and through both of the substrates (~~2, 3~~) to form a through hole (~~5; 205~~) through the
display panel (~~1; 200~~), are distributed over the surface (~~218~~) of the display panel (~~1; 200~~).
4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which
the spacers (~~4; 104~~) are made of a visually decorative material.
5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which
the display panel is an LCD-display (~~1; 100; 200~~), a foil display, an electro-wetting
display, a polyed display, a fluorescent display, or a touch screen or pressure-sensitive
display.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (100; 200) is flexible or bendable and/or has flexible substrates.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (100) has a plastic (~~102, 103~~) or steel substrate.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The display panel according to claim 1, in which the display panel (~~200~~) is adapted to be integrated in a wearable product.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a display panel, comprising the steps of

providing spacers (4; 104) on one side (17; 117) of a first substrate (2; 102),

providing a second substrate (3; 103) on said one side (17; 117) of the first substrate (2; 102) such that the spacers (4; 104) hold the first and the second substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) separated from each other,

forming a hole (5; 105) through at least one of the spacers (4; 104) and both of the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) such that said at least one of the spacers (4; 104) and the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) form the wall (6; 106) of the through hole (5; 105), and

sealing a space (7; 107) between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104).

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which said through hole (5; 105) is formed after the step of providing the second substrate (3; 103) on said one side (17; 117) of the first substrate (2; 102).

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which a liquid crystalline material (10) is sealed between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104) after the step of forming said through hole (5; 105).

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which a liquid crystalline material (10) is sealed between the substrates (2, 3; 102, 103) and the spacers (4; 104) before the step of forming said through hole (5; 105).

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, in which said through hole (5; 105) is formed by a method chosen among stamping, mechanical drilling, laser drilling, powder blasting and water jetting.

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to any one of claims 9-13, in which the spacers (104) are made by ink jet printing monomers, polymers, reactive polymers or a mixture of two or three of these components (112) on the first substrate (102) followed by one or more curing steps.

15. (Withdrawn) A method according to any one of claims 9-13, in which the spacers (4) are made by forming a photosensitive film (12) on the first substrate (2) followed by illumination and removal of those parts of the film (12) surrounding those parts that are to become the spacers (4).